

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 04, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 JANUARY 4, 2011

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RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
LOCKVIEW LANE EAST OF KERRY LANE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FERNWOOD
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate Lockview Lane east of Kerry Lane in the unincorporated community of Fernwood, which is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by Christof Jantzen and Lauryn Carolla, the underlying fee owners, on behalf of their neighbors and themselves, to enhance their properties and provide an additional building area.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that Lockview Lane east of Kerry Lane in the unincorporated community of Fernwood is excess right of way and not required for street and highway purposes and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 3. Find that Lockview Lane east of Kerry Lane is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility pursuant to Section 892(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 4. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.

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5. Upon approval, authorize the Department of Public Works to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to vacate Lockview Lane east of Kerry Lane (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Fernwood, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public access or transportation.

# <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by your Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

# **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The area to be vacated contains approximately 24,824 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8331 provides "The legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a street or highway if both of the following conditions exist: (a) For a period of five consecutive years, the street or highway has been impassable for vehicular traffic and (b) No public money was expended for maintenance on the street or highway during such period."

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired in 1927 by dedication in Tract No. 9531, recorded in Book 142, pages 93 through 97, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk as an easement for street and highway purposes.

Christof Jantzen and Lauryn Carolla, the underlying fee owners, on behalf of their neighbors and themselves, requested the vacation of the Easement to enhance their property and allow for improvements.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement. Your action will result in the properties being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owners for use without restriction of the Easement.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

#### CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of your Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

Hail Farlier

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

# RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION LOCKVIEW LANE EAST OF KERRY LANE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for public street and highway purposes (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement east of Kerry Lane is located in the unincorporated community of Fernwood in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- The Easement has been impassable for vehicular travel for a period of five consecutive years and no public money has been expended for maintenance on the Easement during this period
- The Easement is an excess right of way not required for street or highway purposes.
- 4. The Easement is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as defined in Section 887 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- 5. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8330.
- 6. The Department of Public Works is authorized to record the certified original Resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will no longer be a public easement.
- 7. From and after the date this Resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a street, highway, or public service easement.

The foregoing Resolution was on the 4th day of January, 2011 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN County Counsel

Carole Suzulei for

Deputy

SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the

County of Los Angeles

Deputy

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

LOCKVIEW LANE EAST OF KERRY LANE LOCKVIEW LANE 1-1VAC A.I.N. 4448-014-030 & 051 T.G. 630-B1 I.M. 129-097 R.D. 336 S.D. 3 M0988107

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION

# PARCEL NO. 1-1VAC (Vacation of Easement):

All that portion of LOCKVIEW LANE (formerly known as ORDWAY LANE), 40 feet wide, as shown on map of Tract No. 9531, recorded in Book 142, pages 93 to 97, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

Containing: 24,824 ± square feet.

APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION

November 1 , 2010

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By SUPERVISING CADASTRAL ENGINEER III
Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division

This real property description has been prepared in conformance with the Professional Land Surveyors Act. The signatory herein is exempt pursuant to Section 8726 of the California Business and Professions Code.

